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Planes for his squadron



Leading Cadet Robin Pilley is seen putting the last touches to one of 24 scale models he has made to help his squadron of the A.T.C. at Staines with their aircraft recognition.

STRANGE FISH

Strange fish are caught from time to time in New Zealand waters, and the latest is a so-called cigarette fish, the first of its kind ever seen. Thin as a cigarette, this unknown creature is two feet long, brown-black in colour, and has three short bristles on its nose. It has been sent to Victoria University College for scientific examination.

THREE YEARS' CYCLE TOUR

An Argentine girl named Sylvia Huarte arrived in San Francisco after a bicycle tour starting 39 months ago in Buenos Aires. Having already covered 10,050 miles between South and North America, she was planning to ride east to New York City and Montreal, where she hopes to spend a "white Christmas."

GOAT THAT BOUGHT ITSELF

People who go a lot to auction sales often have a habit of making their bids by a murmured word, sometimes by a grunt, and sometimes by just the merest nod of the head.

The auctioneer, amid all the hurry and excitement, is supposed to know what they mean. But sometimes he misunderstands, as in the famous case of the man who went to an auction with bad hiccups—and found, to his surprise, that he had bought a grandfather clock.

And now from Kimberley, South Africa, there comes an auction story with a difference.

The auctioneer was selling a number of goats when he felt a tug at his sleeve. He accepted the bid, and carried on with the sale. But

when all the other bidders had dropped out, the auctioneer turned to look at whoever it was who had bought the goats.

And there was only a young goat behind him—still tugging playfully at his sleeve.

OUTBOARD CANOES

The people of Borneo are fitting outboard motors to their dug-out canoes.

This fact was reported recently by Dr. Robert Inger, of the Chicago Natural History Museum, on his return from an expedition to Borneo.

He found, however, that the native peoples still carve their canoes out of solid tree trunks just as their forefathers did.

WHEN LIVINGSTONE CAME HOME

Explorer who found himself a national hero

Exactly a century has passed since David Livingstone came up to London from Southampton and saw home for the first time for 15 years. It was on December 9, 1856, that the great missionary-explorer returned to England after a 6000-mile journey across Africa. Within a few days all Britain was agog with his name, and the London public were flocking to hear him.

AFTER 15 years of loneliness in the heart of the African continent it must have been strange to David Livingstone to be walking again on street pavements and to see the shop windows of London all gaily dressed for

Christmas. His hair was still auburn, with just a few streaks of grey, and people noticed his sharp, penetrating blue eyes. He had to hurry round to a tailor to order a suit good enough for the receptions and lectures arranged for him, and there are pictures of him looking very uncomfortable in a stiff shirt-front at an evening meeting.

He who had sailed to Africa in 1840 as an unknown young Scotsman, now returned the most celebrated man of his time, because he had opened up the heart of unknown Africa. His adventure with the lion, his single-handed journey right across the continent, his discovery of the Victoria Falls, and his tales of the African tribes—all became stories told to the children round Victorian firesides, and told again in the history and geography books.

BACK WITH HIS FAMILY

But Livingstone's first act on landing in December 1856 was to find his wife and the children from whom he had been so long parted. She was Mary Moffat, daughter of the famous missionary, Robert Moffat. David Livingstone was devoted to his family, but he saw very little of them during his thirty years in Africa. Now he was soon busy with his pen producing his *Missionary Travels*, which proved a best-seller and provided money for his work in Africa.

He also lectured, and in the big halls of London and Glasgow thousands were soon familiar with the sturdy, stocky figure and sal-low face which bore the marks of suffering and endurance, and gave point to all he said. His picture in the papers made him still more widely known. Once in London's Regent Street he had to take refuge in a cab for fear of being mobbed, and when he went to church he always slipped in quietly to a back pew lest people should gaze at him.

MEETING THE QUEEN

Queen Victoria was eager to see him, and was greatly amused when Livingstone told the Queen that Africans had often asked him how wealthy she was and that this, to them, meant how many cows had she got. Of course, he told the story of his visit to the Queen to his children and in the woods near Barnet, where he lived, he acted African hunting scenes with them and showed them the scout-craft of his favourite Makololo porters. As a special treat he would let

them see the marks of the lion's teeth on his upper left arm.

Degrees and honours were showered upon him, and Glasgow gave him a present of £2000. Throughout that year Britain enjoyed itself trying to spoil Livingstone, but nothing the public or the privileged could do turned that Scottish head.

That was what the people of Britain liked about him. They admired his courage, and his pluck, but above all they admired his simplicity. He never gave himself the airs of a famous man.

As the wonderful year of 1857 drew to a close, David Livingstone went down to Cambridge and there in the Senate House he made a speech to the undergraduates. The building was packed, and the figure of Livingstone stood there among the learned of the land. He told them again about his life in Africa and his plans for a campaign against the slave-trade. Then he lifted his voice and almost shouted at the young men, "I beg to direct your attention to Africa. I leave it with you."

Out of that appeal came the Universities Mission to Central Africa which, in 1957, celebrates 100 years of magnificent work in Africa. Within a few months Livingstone was back on the Zambesi River and everybody in Britain was following his adventures with breathless interest.

COUNTRY CLUB

The Golden Hind II, the floating boys' club which has lain in the Thames at Deptford, has been moved to Yalding on the Medway, up-river from Maidstone.

The barge was towed there, but because of bridges and locks the big superstructure had to be dismantled. The boys are busy rebuilding it, and finding that weekends on the boat are better than ever now that she is in country surroundings.

BOY FIRE-FIGHTERS

While rehearsing a play at Bedford Modern School, boys were told that a first-floor classroom was on fire. They rushed to the more exciting drama of fire-fighting and had trained 12 extinguishers on the flames by the time the fire-engine arrived.

Their prompt action saved the situation and little damage was done.

SANTA CLAUS ARRIVES EARLY IN HOLLAND

On the fifth of December in Holland they celebrate the eve of the birthday of St. Nicholas, the real Santa Claus, who loves children and who comes all the way from Spain every year by big steamer. It is a day of great excitement for Dutch children and for grown-ups, too; for people give presents to one another on this day in Holland instead of at Christmas.

In many schools St. Nicholas makes an appearance in the morning, always accompanied by his coloured helper, Zwarte Piet (Black Peter). The children are all gathered together and then St. Nicholas asks them whether they have behaved well; he says that

his head. Piet wears short breeches with a coloured blouse, long stockings, and shoes with silver buckles. His face, neck, and hands are coal-black, and of course he often rolls his eyes and laughs a lot to show his white teeth.

In Amsterdam and other big cities St. Nicholas makes an official entry into the city, riding on his white horse, accompanied by Zwarte Piets, as seen in our photograph.

In the evenings many families have their own small party. A big washing basket, filled with sawdust, stands ready and everyone puts presents into it. Two friends acting as St. Nicholas and



St. Nicholas riding through Amsterdam attended by his groom and two Zwarte Piets, (Black Peters)

anyone who has not will be put in the big sack which is slung across the shoulders of Zwarte Piet. (But, of course, this never really happens.) Then all the children sing special songs and the giving of the presents begins with Zwarte Piet throwing handfuls of sweets among the children.

St. Nicholas wears a kind of white apron, a red velvet cloak with gold edging, and a mitre on

Zwarte Piet make an impressive entrance and begin to share out the presents, while the housewife goes the rounds with a big jug, filled with hot cocoa. The presents are all wrapped in lots and lots of paper to make the fun last longer, and each present is also accompanied by a rhyme which has to be read aloud.

Truly, December the Fifth is an exciting day in Holland.

PICTURED IN THE ROCKS

The Grand Canyon of Arizona is one of the wonders of the world. A gorge about 200 miles long and up to a mile deep, with the Colorado River ever biting deeper into it, the canyon is surrounded by some of Nature's strangest architecture. It is an awe-inspiring sight.

But to the geologist the Grand Canyon is much more, for by examining the various rock formations, he gets a picture of the droughts, storms, eruptions, and upheavals which shaped the Earth's crust millions and millions

of years before it was inhabited by Man.

Those pictures in the geologist's mind have been made clear, in a way we can all understand, in a new colour film which has been produced for the Mobil Oil Company.

On 16 m.m. film lasting for 28 minutes, it unfolds a vivid and gripping panorama. It is called *In the Beginning*, and it can be obtained (free) by schools from the Information Officer, Mobil Oil Company, Caxton House, Westminster, S.W.1.



By the C.N. Press Gallery Correspondent

PETROL and oil rationing begin on Monday, December 17, because supplies from Persia and other Middle East countries cannot come through the Suez Canal.

Early in November the Egyptians sank a large number of ships in the Canal. As a result, our oil tankers cannot get through, and they are having to travel to and fro by the longer route around the Cape of Good Hope.

This means delay in getting all the oil and petrol we need to keep our industries going. And because we must keep our industries going, petrol for less essential purposes is therefore to be rationed.

Until rationing was announced on November 20 the garages had accepted a voluntary cut of 10 per cent in their supplies. A similar cut was applied to the use of various oil fuels for central heating purposes.

200 MILES A MONTH

Under the rationing scheme that cut is to be increased, and although the increase does not apply to schools and hospitals, our schools will be expected to make every possible economy, and our classrooms may sometimes not be as warm as we would like.

The main effect of rationing, as many of us know, is that Daddy will not be able to get an unlimited supply of petrol at his garage, but must apply to the post office for coupons. These will permit him about 200 miles of motoring a month (compared with 90 under the wartime scheme).

Our M.P.s will be hard hit by this, though they and other "essential" users of cars can get extra petrol if they need it.

The rationing scheme is planned ahead for four months, but how long it will last depends on how soon the Canal can be cleared.

THE death of Sir Rhys Hopkin Morris reminds us that, although he had the power to act as Deputy Speaker, this office does not officially exist.

There is only one Speaker. But as it would be impossible for him to preside continuously over the long daily sittings of the Commons, there are two deputies to take over the Chair at intervals.

They are empowered to do this because of their official positions as Chairman and Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means. Sir Rhys was Deputy Chairman. ("Ways and Means" denotes ways and means of raising money.)

The Commons came into being to control the nation's money supplies. So the Budget is heard by the Commons sitting as a Committee of Ways and Means, and over this the Chairman (or his Deputy) presides, not the Speaker.

He (or his Deputy) also presides when the House sits as a Committee of Supply—a word which means how you "supply" or spend the money raised by the budget taxes.

News from Everywhere

OVERBOARD AND BACK

A deckhand of the Aberdeen trawler *Dorileen* was washed overboard by heavy seas in the North Sea recently—and then washed aboard again. Unknown to the rest of the crew, he lay unconscious beneath a lifeboat while they searched for him. Many hours later, after the trawler had reached port, he came to, then walked into his home, where the trawler captain was breaking the news of his death to his wife.

After nine years of experimenting, a Japanese gardener has produced apples which have red flesh as well as red skin. He plans to grow them on a large scale.

London's oldest bus conductor, 75-year-old Mr. Henry Cruse, has been allowed to stay on for another year's service. He has been on the same route since 1912.

SOME RADISH

C.N. reader Roderick Overnell has grown a radish measuring five inches across and three inches deep. He lives at Chelsfield, Kent.

Experimental traffic lights without the amber signal are to be tried at Brighton and Hove.

The Guide Centre at Foxlease, Hampshire, is being used to house Hungarian refugees.

Police patrolling in the outlying districts of Glasgow are using motor scooters instead of bicycles.

Very special violin



Mr. William Robertson of Plumstead, near Woolwich, has made more than 400 violins in his spare time. The one he is holding was made from a large cigar box obtained, at special request, from Sir Winston Churchill.

Soviet scientists have found that during the last 25 years the level of the Caspian Sea has dropped seven feet.

The city of Oslo has again given London a great Christmas tree which will stand in Trafalgar Square.

An electric alternator weighing 160 tons was recently transported 60 miles by road from Stafford to a power station near Derby. Two bridges had to be specially strengthened.

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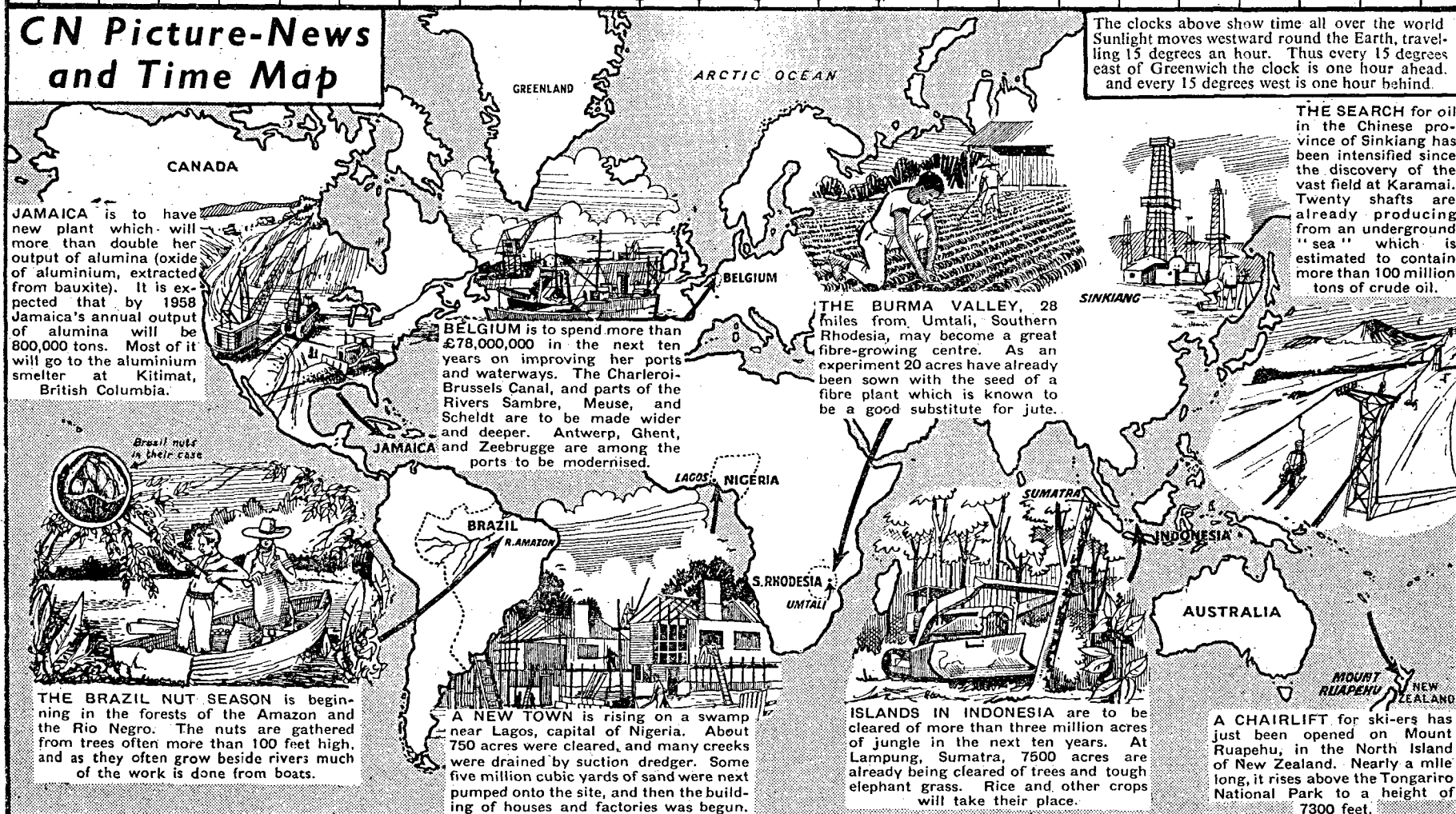
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ZAMBESI DAM BEGINS TO GROW

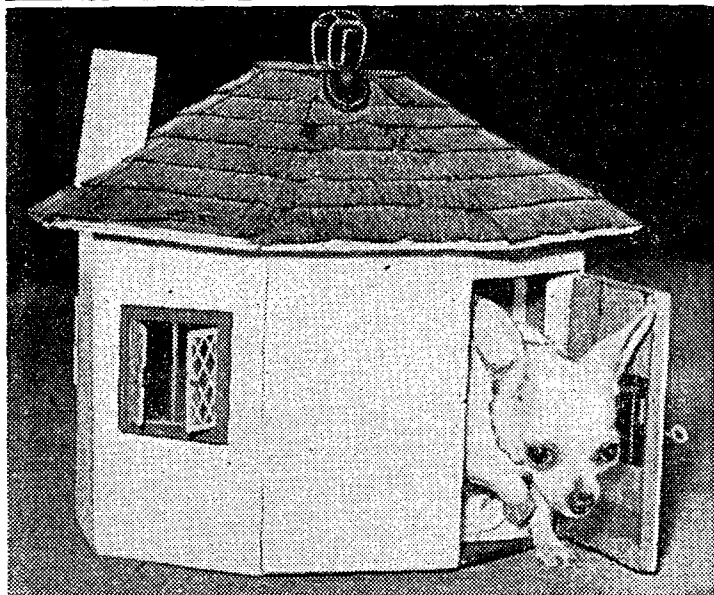
The main wall of the vast Kariba dam on the Zambesi River has begun to take shape. Its first two tons of concrete were recently poured by Lord Malvern, former Prime Minister of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland.

The ceremony was performed at a spot which in four years' time will be more than 300 feet under water, with the giant dam wall towering 400 feet above it.

While the foundations are still being laid, another Kariba project has reached completion. This is a

tunnel, 1300 feet long, which will help to carry the Zambesi away from its ancient bed, to leave the site of the dam free for building. The tunnel, together with a channel being dug on the north bank, will have completely diverted the river into two streams by next September, leaving the former bed with little more than a brook.

In due course both tunnel and channel will go, and the Zambesi will return to her old course, but controlled by one of the mightiest dams ever built.



Competitor leaves home

At the Ladies' Kennel Club Show at London's Olympia a little chihuahua arrived in his own dog-box. It is shaped like a house, but has handles for easy carrying.

PRIZES FOR CN READERS

Sports Prizes of their choice, for their entries in CN Competition No. 1, have been awarded to: John Birtwhistle, Worcester Park; Margaret Brearley, London, W.5; Geraldine Criddle, Fareham; Jill Day, Ipswich; Elizabeth Jordan, Nottingham; Dorothy Lawson, Richmond; Edwin Mander, Birmingham; Judith Rhodes, Birmingham; Susan Smith, Farnham; and Margaret Tomlinson, London, E.18.

Book Tokens go to: Rachel Bull, Birmingham; Audrey Cable, London, E.6; Fiona Cowburn, Bromsgrove; Valerie Harris, Worcester Park; David Hickling, Derby; Olive Johnson, Ormskirk; William Ledlie, Banbridge; Josephine Oliver, Wembley; Susan Palmer, Bridport; and Julia Redford, Preston.

BALLET FOR BEGINNERS

More and more young people are taking an active interest in the art of ballet, and there is an increasing demand for books on the subject. One we can specially recommend to beginners is *Dancing in Action*, by Sonia Stiller (Pitman, 10s. 6d.).

The author is a teacher of ballet, and she has here made it possible for learners to practice in their own homes.

Good use is made of photographs and picture-drawings, some of which dance into action when seen through the coloured 3-D spectacles supplied with the book.

ALL KINDS OF CLOCKS

In December 1656 the Dutch scientist Christiaan Huygens applied the pendulum to the movement of clocks, thus making them far more accurate. The 300th anniversary of this important development is being celebrated at London's Science Museum by a special exhibition, which opens to the public on Wednesday this week.

The display illustrates Huygens' invention, and traces the history of mechanical clocks from just before the application of the pendulum down to the latest types. Clocks have been lent by the Hesse State Museum, the museum at Leiden in Holland, and by private collectors. There are also many photographs and drawings to be seen.

The exhibition is open until February 24, and for those who cannot see it there is a catalogue with pictures which is obtainable from the Science Museum, South Kensington, for 2s. 2d., post free.

ARISE, SIR LOIN

At a recent ceremony at Houghton Tower, Lancashire, the legend of the naming of the joint of beef known today as sirloin was commemorated by the unveiling of a plaque given by the National Beef Council of America.

For the origin of the legend we have to go back to the days of James the First. In 1617 the King was entertained at Houghton Tower for three days. There was much feasting during his visit, and in a moment of merriment he knighted a loin of beef and made it sirloin for ever.

THE YOUNG TREE PLANTERS

Over 80 schoolchildren took part in the annual tree-planting ceremony at Filey the other day. This has taken place ever since the Festival of Britain year, and over 500 trees, including roses, have been planted.

Mr. Kenneth Henderson, Clerk of Filey Urban Council, explained: "We found that if children planted the trees and had their names put on, they took greater care of them."

Guaranteed to cut bricks



At the Building Trades Exhibition in Manchester a saw was demonstrated which will cut through a brick wall. The teeth are made of tungsten carbide and will also cut through masonry and cement.

IT HAPPENED THIS WEEK

Scots "buy" their freedom

DECEMBER 5, 1189. LONDON—Today the Scots are free again from the power of the English crown. This time they have bought their freedom—for a sum of about £100,000.

That is what today's Treaty of Canterbury really amounts to. Under this Treaty, King Richard of England renounces all claims to the northern kingdom.

Ever since his Coronation—on September 3 last—King Richard has been preparing for his third Crusade to the Holy Land. This great military project has drained his exchequer, and he has raised money for it in every possible way.

"I would sell London itself,

could I find a purchaser rich enough!" he is reported to have told those who questioned his reckless sacrifices.

Under the Treaty of Canterbury, the castles of Roxburgh and Berwick are restored to William the Lion, King of Scots. The Scots King is further freed from all the obligations "extorted from him by means of his captivity" by the late King Henry II of England.

The frontiers of Scotland are restored to the line existing before King William's defeat and capture, and the Scots King recovers his right to the Earldom of Huntingdon and his lands in England.

London's new theatre

DECEMBER 7, 1732. LONDON—London's magnificent new theatre at Covent Garden was opened this evening with a revival of Congreve's *Way of the World*.

So great was the demand for admission that the prices for the coveted seats at the sides of the stage was raised to 10s. 6d.

The part of Fainall was acted by that great performer James Quin. His appearance tonight was particularly appropriate, for he was born, 40 years ago, in nearby King Street.

The stage of the new theatre

is lit by four hoops of candles. The boxes are flat in front and have twisted double branches for candles fastened to the plaster.

The new theatre owes its existence to the enthusiasm of Mr. John Rich, the famous harlequin and master of the Theatre Royal in Lincoln's Inn Fields, who campaigned for public support in the project so successfully that by January of last year £6000 had been raised.

(The theatre was burned down in 1808. The present building, opened in 1858, is the third on the site.)



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RADIO AND TV

PETER BUTTERWORTH JOINS THOSE KIDS AGAIN



PETER BUTTERWORTH, always a favourite, is back in commercial TV Children's programmes on Saturday, December 15, for the first of two more episodes in *Those Kids*. Maybe you remember him from the summer series as Mr. Oddy, the lovable retired sailor. His tumble-down cottage and garden provide a haven for youngsters from a big block of flats where regulations prohibit them from playing games or keeping pets.

Mr. Oddy doesn't mind his

peace being upset by the rough-and-tumble adventures of the Kids, though it shocks him a little to find the garden filled with animals of all sorts and sizes. In the next adventure, I hear, a goose also waddles into the picture.

The role of retired sailor comes naturally to Peter. He went to sea throughout the war, first in the Indian Navy, then the Royal Navy, until he transferred to the Fleet Air Arm and was shot down in the North Sea.

Last of the locos

STEAM locomotives, with their thrusting pistons, hissing valves, and glowing fireboxes, always strike me as more exciting to watch than the electric engines and new diesel types that will soon replace them. Friday's BBC television visit to British Railways' works at Derby could be almost historic. Viewers will see steam locomotives in the making, perhaps for the last time on television.

The Gang's all here

MAKE a date with the Gang Show in BBC Television this Thursday evening. Cameras will be installed at Golders Green Hippodrome for an excerpt from the annual high-powered frolic in which Ralph Reader presents his team of 150 members of the Boy Scout movement.

This will be the sixth year that the BBC has televised it. The Gang Show dates back to 1932.

Highest TV mast

THE highest aerial mast at any commercial TV transmitter will be the 750-foot tower at Black Hill, Lanarkshire, where work has already begun on Scotland's first commercial station.

Scottish viewers will have to wait for programmes until August next year, but test signals on very low power will begin in March.

Chance for Susan

SUSAN LANE was only nine when she won a singing contest at Blackburn Music Festival. She was wise enough to keep her voice in practice, appearing at amateur concerts whenever possible, and now, at 18, she gets the chance she has waited for.

The other day BBC producer Ronnie Taylor heard Susan singing, and was so impressed by her voice, which he described as "a soprano of unusual range and freshness," that he booked her for TV next Saturday.

Susan will make her camera debut in *The Laugh's On Us*, the late-night programme featuring comedians Charlie Chester, Stan Stennett, and Bill Waddington. Susan is an assistant in a wool embroidery shop in Bolton.

Top secrets

THERE is a chance to pick up former top-secret information about turbo-jet and ram jet aircraft engines in *The Silver Jet*, the two-part play which begins this Wednesday evening in BBC Children's Hour. Margaret Potter, the author, was given technical tips by Dr. Gerald Hawkins, who broadcasts scientific talks.

Two ex-pilots in the story, Bill Armstrong and Dave Trevelyan, are called back to the Service for a secret assignment involving supersonic flying experiments with an old colleague, Professor Selby. The chief roles are played by Desmond Carrington, Bryan Forbes, and Bryden Murdoch.

Travellers' tale of a 30,000-mile drive

IMAGINE setting out by Land-Rover from the cosy civilisation of London's Pall Mall to Singapore. It was a trip to dream about, but the six members of the Oxford and Cambridge Far Eastern Expedition made it come true.

For the next three Fridays BBC viewers are to see their story unfolded in film shots which began in Pall Mall.

The two Land-Rovers, light and dark blue, trundled off in the summer of 1955 to Iran and the Middle East, then via India and Pakistan to Burma and Malaya. The six men hoped that in Burma they could use wartime Army

roads; when they got there they found the roads mere tracks, overgrown and in parts washed away by monsoons or infested with bandits.

By the time the party reached London again last August they had driven 30,000 miles. Their outward journey was overland all the way except for crossing the English Channel and the Bosphorus. On the way back they had to go by ship from Singapore to Calcutta as monsoons had made the Burma route impossible.

Travellers' Tales should be well worth watching.

ERNEST THOMSON



The six undergraduates back in London

BUSINESS IN GREAT WATERS

Training the lads who will one day have the tough job of manning the trawlers

"THEY that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters"—so runs the famous verse in the Psalms; and I remembered it on the fish quay at Grimsby as I came alongside the distant water trawler Northern Sceptre. She was due to sail for Greenland that evening.

Fighting the wind for possession of my hat while looking for a place where I could land on her deck, I saw a pile of cowskins—of all things—and jumped down. And that was what brought the watchman up from below.

He was an old trawlerman himself and it was with pride that he showed me round Northern Sceptre—£250,000 worth of the very latest in design and equipment. He had battled with the icy northern seas in vastly dif-



Young John Porter practises his net-mending at the fishermen's school

ice to keep it fresh. To do this she has 1250 horse-power and a crew of 20.

But, however fine a ship's equipment may be, it would be useless without the right men to handle it. And so the Grimsby Fishing Vessel Owners' Association (supported by The White Fish Authority) runs a special scheme with the local education authorities to encourage lads to enter the industry and to give them the right training for a hard but well-paid job. Certainly the life of a deep sea fisherman is hard—18 hours a day very often, and of course at sea there are no such things as Saturdays off or Bank Holidays.

MEETING A TRAINEE

On my way down to the school I met a husky 16-year-old, named John Rowland Porter. He was bound for the same place, having come all the way from Portsmouth to get the best possible training for the fishing industry. His father is skipper of a liberty boat which ferries naval personnel between ship and shore when they have leave; but John has his eye on the big rewards of fishing.

He had already finished his first six months at sea, following a preliminary shore training. A distant water voyage, usually to Arctic seas, lasts about three weeks, and as a Deckie-Learner

(trainee fisherman) John gets £3 a week while at sea. On top of that, is his share of the catch, which on the last trip came to £25. (Each deckhand, when fully qualified, receives £7 14s. a week plus 12s. 9d. in every £100 earned by his trawler from fish sales. Last year average earnings on Grimsby distant water boats were just over £20 a week and, of course, more for higher ratings.)

John told me he could be earning that at 17 and that some lads had gone from deckhand to

"Day mark for trawler fast with her gear?" he demanded in a voice which you could have heard in a hurricane. And he eyed the class, questioningly.

A hand went up. "Ball and basket" came the answer, meaning that these signs would be hoisted by a vessel which had stopped engines to clear her trawl net from some obstruction.

"Work-up Article 9 or you'll be for the high jump," bellowed the Skipper.

Next I was shown a fascinating

model of a harbour entrance, all complete with buoys and model ships. Then we went into the gym, where John Porter was at work with the big wooden needle that fishermen use for mending holes in nets.

A complete model of a trawl net hung from the roof. You could see how the otter boards kept its mouth open by their resistance to the water as the ship towed it; and the floats which kept the top edge raised above the sea-bed, and the bobbins which act like wheels for the lower edge to run on. If you think of the trawl as a huge Christmas stocking you can see that it has to be kept open both horizontally and vertically. The cowskins I had seen help to protect the bottom of the net from friction with the sea bed.

FIRST JOB OF THE DAY

All the lads have to know about the trawl and how to manage this great net, up to 160 feet long and 80 feet wide at the mouth and weighing perhaps ten tons, in the kind of weather they are likely to meet in their trial trips in northern waters.

Before I left I asked John Porter how he liked the life. He said that it was tough but good, and that he would not care to be doing anything else.

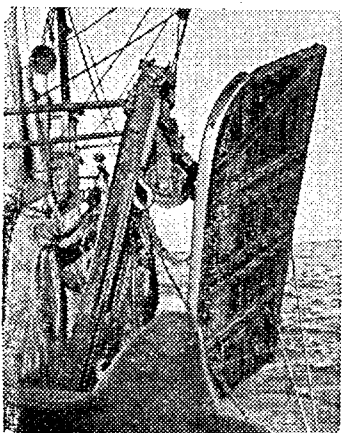
"What is your first job of the day?" I asked.

"Breakfast," he answered.

"You mean, get it ready?"

"No. Eat it," said John.

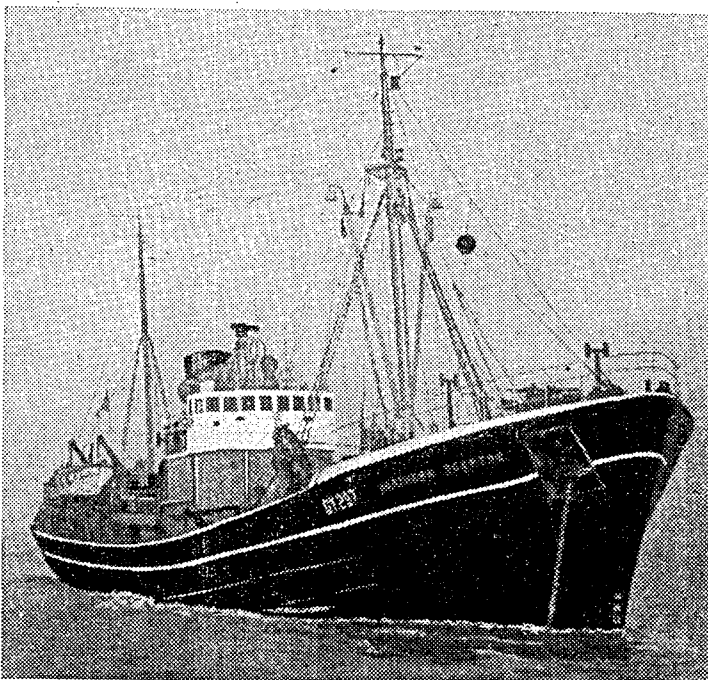
A. V. I.



One of the otter boards which keep the trawl net open on the seabed

ferent conditions, and it was almost with awe that he pointed out the handsome blue upholstery of the skipper's cabin; the devices for spotting shoals of fish fathoms deep; the radar scanners for "seeing" nearby ships in any weather and any light; the neat crew's quarters amidships, with baths and drying cupboard for wet clothes; the spotless engine-room.

Northern Sceptre is just under 200 feet long and a fraction over 32 feet in the beam, and when fully loaded she can carry about 270 tons of fish, with 90 tons of



Northern Sceptre, one of Grimsby's fleet of distant water trawlers with all the latest gear

Picture by courtesy of Fishing News

skipper in five years. This meant that at an early age they might be earning up to £3000 a year or even more as they gain experience.

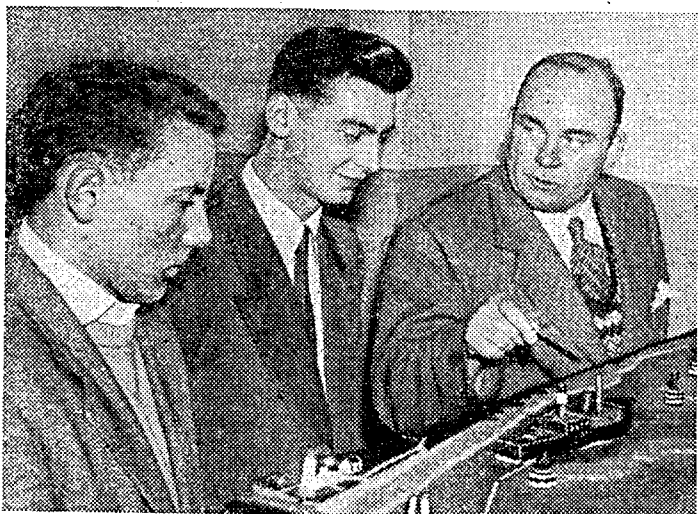
In the meantime, John, who had had a slight accident to his arm, was putting in some days ashore and getting some more training. So together we turned down Grimsby's Orwell Street, and made our way to the Fishermen's Institute. It was built more than 80 years ago, but is doing fine service as a training school while more up-to-date premises are being built.

MARINER-SCHOOLMASTER

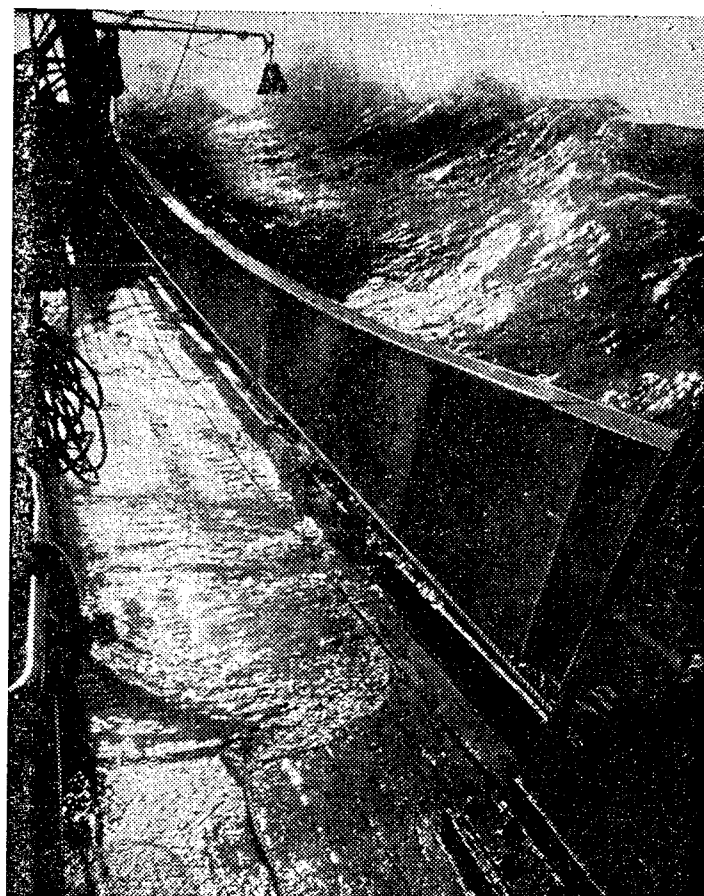
Here I was introduced to the Principal, Captain G. S. Keene, a master mariner turned schoolmaster, and he told me of his ambition to work for higher grade certificates for fishermen.

As in all branches of industry these days, more and more knowledge is needed all the time as methods become more scientific and new devices are introduced. But the basic knowledge of ships and the sea remains the same.

We went into a room where burly Skipper Hodson was taking a senior class of trainees for their next promotion exam. He was speaking of the standard recognition signs displayed at sea, signs which everyone must know.



Skipper Hodson takes a class in navigation with the help of models



A trawlerman must learn to work on the slippery deck of a vessel rolling and plunging through the waves

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SCIENTISTS NEEDED

"THE increasing scientific needs of the nation may before long impel schools to ask boys talented in both arts and science subjects to follow the paths of science as a matter of duty."

So spoke Mr. John Drake, headmaster of King Charles I School, Kidderminster, the other day.

His words should be a rousing trumpet-call to youth.

Britain urgently needs more scientists, technicians, and engineers if she is to keep pace with other nations in this changing world. Yet we are falling far behind our neighbours. One of our prime needs is for more science teachers, and these can only come from an increase of science students.

The Government now propose to spend £40,000,000 in the next five years on expanding universities and technical colleges so that the output of scientists and engineers may rise from 10,000 to 20,000 a year.

As Lord Salisbury told the House of Lords, "This is indeed a matter of life and death to our highly populated country, and on our success or failure our survival must depend."

The people who can make or mar this plan are the boys and girls still at school. Only if they heed the urgent call for science training can we be saved from an industrial decline which will bring unemployment and untold suffering to Britain.

EVERY LITTLE HELPS

DURING the past few weeks many stories have reached us which tell of the eagerness of the boys and girls of Britain to help the brave refugees of Hungary.

Typical of these stories is one from the village of Newchurch on Romney Marsh, Kent.

It was here that a freckled ten-year-old schoolboy named Ronald, Else proved himself an efficient door-to-door salesman.

Having decided that he must do everything possible to help the Hungarians, Ronald collected his books and toys and left his home to tour the village.

At every home and shop someone bought a toy or gave him money for the good cause. And when Ronald got back home he found he had collected £2 15s. to help the appeal fund launched by the Lord Mayor of London.

Well done, Ronald. They say every little helps; but he had the kind of idea which is a big help.

Thirty Years Ago

From the Children's Newspaper,
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A GREAT scheme is before Parliament for the wholesale creation of electric power and its cheap distribution over industrial England.

But in the nature of things power from great central stations cannot be carried cheaply to isolated country districts where the consumption can only be small, and yet cheap power is as much needed there as anywhere else.

Experiments have been carried on near Harpenden under the Ministry of Agriculture in the production of electricity from wind-power. Wind-power ground corn for countless generations. Wind-power to pump water has become a commonplace of our generation. Wind-power to make electricity is not unknown on the Continent.

It has now been found at Harpenden that wind-power can generate electricity for lighting and for certain mechanical work at a cost which makes it economical even on a small scale.

The Editor's Table

And so to bed

IN a golf clubhouse at Wanganui in New Zealand an opossum has got into the habit of going to bed in the drawer of a desk and then shutting itself in.

It all began early one morning when the little animal, robbed of its nest when a nearby tree was cut down, entered the clubhouse and found it could open the drawer. Deciding that this would make a cosy bunk, it climbed in, somehow managed to shut the drawer, and settled down for the day—opossums being nocturnal creatures. Whoever opened the drawer first must have had quite a shock.

Since then hundreds of people have taken a peep at the club's new "member," which is always too fast asleep to be disturbed by the opening and shutting of the drawer. Every night the opossum goes off to the woods; and every morning it is back in the drawer, fast asleep.

Think on These Things

THE prophet Amos spoke to the people about the wicked deeds done by some of the surrounding nations. But then he told them the things they condemned in others they practised themselves.

The prophet reminded them that God had given them great privileges and great blessings and that He expected great things from them. God had chosen them as His people, and they must be ready to give to others what God had given them.

This is what Jesus taught when He said that "unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required." The gifts God has given us are a responsibility and a trust to be used in the service of others. O. R. C.

ON READING

SOME books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested: that is, some books are to be read only in parts; others to be read, but not curiously; and some few to be read wholly, and with diligence and attention.

Bacon

THEY SAY . . .

I AM anxious to see that we do everything we can to ensure the welfare of the sausage—and of those, like myself, who thrive on its consumption.

The Minister of Food

TEENAGE spoken here.

Sign in a Philadelphia café

MODERN youth is infinitely better than any generation that has gone before.

Member of the Industrial Welfare Society

EDUCATION and Training—these two words are the essence of progress. They should be writ large in the policies of every government, and inscribed in the board room of every industrial company.

Mr. Robert Carr, M.P.,
Parliamentary Secretary
to the Ministry of Labour

THE cost of building an hotel today is estimated at £3000 a bedroom.

Mr. W. Maxwell Simmers, at a
Glasgow meeting of the British
Hotels and Restaurants Association

QUIZ CORNER

1. What is the Pool of London?
2. What is a siesta?
3. What is "The Old Lady of Threadneedle Street"?
4. Do you know a single word meaning "correct spelling"?
5. What does it mean to be "on the qui vive"?
6. What is the Inland Revenue?

Answers on page 12

Out and About

LIGHT ground frosts do not trouble the hungry moles who have thrown up a new line of "hills" on the sloping meadow. Worms, grubs, and insects are still to be found as they burrow.

The hue of the freshly-turned soil blends with the green of the meadow grass, a key to the colour-scheme of the surrounding country—stubble fields and pasture, hedge and copse, evergreen shrubs and fallen leaves.

A flock of fieldfares are feeding in this nearest meadow, and—almost as on a spring day—bursts of lark song trill in the sky.

Like the wild creatures, we should make the most of these fine spells which usually become scarcer and scarcer at the turn of the year. C. D. D.

JUST AN IDEA

As Henry Ward Beecher wrote: There was never a person who did anything worth doing that did not receive more than he gave.

Next Week's Birthdays

December 9
John Milton (1608-1674). Poet and prose writer.



As a young man he produced the lovely verses of Lycidas and L'Allegro. In the Civil War he turned to political writing for the Puritan cause. In the end, smitten with blindness, he did his greatest work, Paradise Lost.

December 10
César Franck (1822-1890). French composer and organist. Recognised during his life as a great teacher and performer, he died some years before his compositions came to be appreciated, as they are now.

December 11
Hector Berlioz (1803-1869). French composer and conductor, who gave up a medical career for music. He was a composer in the grand manner, choosing great themes—The Trojans, Faust, Romeo and Juliet—needing huge orchestras and choirs.

December 12
Erasmus Darwin (1731-1802). Physician and thinker. He was the grandfather of the famous scientist, Charles Darwin, who certainly owed part of his interest in the question of evolution to the theories on the subject already evolved by his ancestor.

December 13
H.R.H. The Duchess of Kent (1906). Before her marriage she was Princess Marina of Greece. She came to this country in 1934 as the bride of Prince George, later Duke of Kent, who was killed in an air crash in 1942. Her children are the present Duke of Kent, Princess Alexandra, and Prince Michael.



December 14
Earl Canning (1812-1862). Third son of the statesman George Canning, he was Governor-General of India during the Mutiny in 1857. In the following year he became India's first Viceroy.

December 15
Charles Cowden Clarke (1787-1877). Author, musician, and lecturer. The work that he and his wife undertook on Shakespeare and the popular lectures he gave in Mechanics Institutes and elsewhere up and down the country brought many simple people to know and love the works of the great dramatist.



OUR HOMELAND

The dreamy Ouse where it flows through Godmanchester, in Huntingdonshire

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Learning to look after the geese

The Secondary Modern School at Harefield, Middlesex, has taken advantage of a free piece of wasteground to start an agricultural course. Twenty youngsters have signed on for it. They study different branches of farming and have a small-holding of their own. Here an instructor is taking a class in the care of geese.

Farmers in the land of winter sports

The thousands of winter sports enthusiasts now getting their skis and snow boots ready for the snow slopes of Europe do not perhaps give much thought to the farmers who live up in the mountains all the year round. But the governments of Austria, France, Germany, Italy, and Switzerland have been studying some of their difficulties.

It has been shown that most of the farming families in the winter sports villages are dependent on a few acres of very steep grazing ground which is only productive during a few months of the year.

During the summer the Alpine farmer also tries to grow an acre or two of grain, but the soil is thin; even if a special plough were invented for him to use in these steeply sloped fields it would not make more grain grow.

AVALANCHE MENACE

When the snow falls the farmer is confined to his cottage, with his cows cosily tucked away in the cow-house underneath. If he has gathered enough hay for them during the summer, he will not run short of milk, cheese, and butter.

But although winter sports visitors may find these Alpine villages attractive under their blankets of snow, it is a hard life for the farmers who live in them.

Another danger the Alpine farmer is always facing is the loss of soil. The high peaks which surround his valley present a constant menace: a fall of rock may smother his few acres, or an avalanche may put an end to his little farm altogether.

The long Alpine paths between one village and the next, so fascinating to summer walkers and winter ski-ers, mean isolation and boredom for the young farming people. So they tend to migrate to the valleys where there is more life. Again, it is a long way to market, and when winter arrives in the higher valleys, the autobus stops running, and the small farmer must walk down the rough road to do his shopping. He has to start early in the morning, and may not be able to climb back before dark, and it is a lonely tramp and often a dangerous one.

TOO FAR FROM SCHOOL

Another problem is schooling. During the summer months the children's help is needed to gather in the hay and tend the cows on the high pastures. But in winter they must go down to the nearest town where they can attend school and live at the same time, for distances are often too great for them to go daily to and from home. In any case, their parents would rather have them at home cosily round the fire.

And if illness comes, the Alpine farmer must either make a dangerous journey down to the doctor, or else call the doctor to make an equally difficult journey up to him.

The farmer of the High Alps is proud of his few acres, and he loves the mountains; but he is beginning to think that modern science might make his lot a little easier and bring him some of the advantages he sees on his annual jaunt to the big town in the valley.

HE WHO WOULD BE VALIANT

Last January a keen Scout named Roy Bullock jumped into an icy brook near his home at Wigan to rescue a four-year-old boy from drowning.

Roy's good deed for that day was all the more notable because he is a non-swimmer. And when Roy was presented with a letter of praise from the Chief Scout, Lord Rowallan, his schoolmates of All Saints Secondary Modern School, sang:

*He who would valiant be
'Gainst all disaster.
Let him in constancy
Follow the Master . . .*

DANISH SHIP FOR BRITISH BOYS

The 300-ton Danish schooner Hans Eggede has been presented by her owner, Mr. Sorensen, to the Outward Bound Trust.

Badly damaged by fire in August, the vessel has been in dock at Dover ever since. Now the Trust is to spend £35,000 to convert her into a full-rigged ship, or barque, for the training of boys from industrial centres.

HOW TO KEEP FIT

An attractive half-crown booklet with sound advice for us all has been published for the British Red Cross Society by Educational Productions. It is called the Junior Health and Hygiene Manual.

Written in simple style with plenty of helpful illustrations, it tells young people all they need to know about keeping fit and well.

SCHOOL BELL FROM SEA

The end of the day at Denbigh Grammar School is marked by the ringing of a ship's bell which is a gift from the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board.

The bell belonged to the steamer Architect which broke her back after running aground outside Brunswick Dock, Liverpool, in October 1933.

BOY BISHOP IN CORNWALL

When Robin Stevens is enthroned Boy Bishop next Sunday at the Church of the Good Shepherd at Par, in Cornwall, he will be clothed not only in beautiful vestments, but will also be part of a tradition of deep religious meaning. Both the Boy Bishop and the other children with him know this, and behave accordingly.

Apparently they were not always so thoughtful, for Henry VIII is said to have abolished the ceremony in 1542 because the Boy Bishops of his day "had assumed an unruly character." Restored in 1554, but discontinued in the reign of the first Queen Elizabeth, the service was revived at Par in 1953.

SECRET BALLOT

The Boy Bishop is chosen by secret ballot, and this year there were three candidates for the honour and Robin was chosen. He will be presented to the vicar, and after he has promised to "be diligent in service and virtuous in conduct, both in public and private," prayers will be said for him. Then will come the impressive vesting (or clothing) ceremony.

Last year's Boy Bishop will present the crozier, "as a sign that thou dost become our shepherd to lead us in our worship." Then, in turn, Robin will receive the girdle as a symbol of faith; the rochet (an embroidered linen surplice) as symbol of purity; and slippers "as a reminder of thy duty to walk in the way of our Lord Christ."

Next in solemn pageant will

come boys bearing the cope, which is the sign of office, and a beautiful cross. Slowly he will be vested in the cope, "symbol of the mantle of salvation," gloves as a sign of authority, a ring signifying that "thou art the liegeman (faithful follower) of our Lord Christ," and a mitre, "the helmet of salvation."

After the enrobing the young bishop will appoint his own master of ceremonies, sacristan, treasurer, reader, clerk, and acolyte. After the ceremony the children will move in procession down the church and out into the Calvary Garden, singing a hymn.

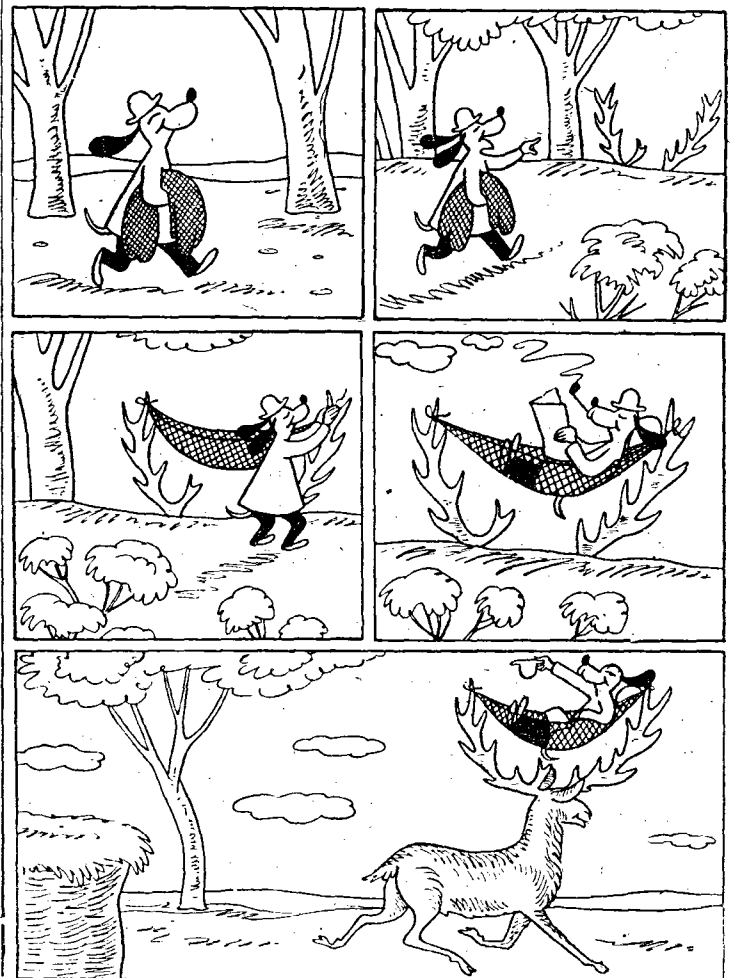
In the Middle Ages Cornwall's Boy Bishop would have held office for about three weeks, from the Feast of St. Nicholas to Holy Innocents' Day, December 28. But Robin will be "our Boy Bishop during this Childermass-tide, and for the year ensuing."

DRESS DESIGNER AT 14

Although only 14, Jean Candillon is already a fully-fledged dress designer in a well-known Parisian fashion house.

A skilful artist, Jean was making smocks for his baby sister at an early age, and liked nothing better than to design frocks for her dolls from odd bits of fabric. Now he is holding his own with experienced designers, and several of his dress creations are already on view and winning acclaim.

OUR DUMB FRIEND BELLO (21)



Blazing a trail over the Atlantic

With jet planes roaring overhead at supersonic speeds and large airliners flying regularly between Europe and America, it is sometimes a little difficult to realise that not until 1919 was the Atlantic first flown, and that even 20 years later it was still regarded as risky.

The story of those 20 years and "the most important single air route in the world" is told for young people by Robert Hoare in his book *Wings Over the Atlantic*, published by Phoenix House at 15s.

It was in 1913 that the Daily Mail offered a prize of £10,000 for the first man to fly the Atlantic Ocean non-stop. Little wonder that people laughed at the offer.

The shortest distance between the Old World and the New—between Ireland and Newfoundland—is almost 2000 miles—more than three times the distance any plane had travelled at that time. As the cruising speed of most planes was about 60 m.p.h., it meant being in the air for more than 30 hours.

But the First World War brought rapid progress in flying, and early in 1919 ten aircraft entered for the Daily Mail prize, one of them being a Vickers' Vimy, flown by Captain John Alcock and Lieutenant Arthur Whitten Brown. That plane was actually the third to attempt the crossing (one came down in the sea and the other crashed on take-off).

A few minutes after four o'clock in the afternoon of June 14, the heavily-laden Vimy took off, and, narrowly missing the rooftops of St. John's, began climbing on course for England.

UPSIDE DOWN

Soon after crossing the shores of Newfoundland, it ran into fog and cloud. The wireless broke down, and not until two o'clock the next morning did Lieutenant Brown glimpse a star from which he could check position. Then came a violent storm that sent the aircraft spinning down to the waiting sea. On breaking through the base of the cloud, only 100 feet above the water, it was upside down!

Captain Alcock somehow managed to right the Vimy, and it flew on into the thick of the storm. But ice was now preventing the instruments from working properly, and with the freezing wind hurling hailstones into his face and trying to tear him from the open cockpit, Lieutenant Brown stood up and hacked the ice away with a knife.

Dawn came and found them skimming above the surface of the sea, with the rising sun melting the ice on the wings. Then, land at last! Two islands off the coast of Ireland—a wonderful sight!

Almost 16 hours after taking off John Alcock and Arthur Whitten Brown landed—with a jerk, for the lovely green field they picked to land on was a bog. But neither of them was hurt, and a week later they were received by King George the Fifth and made Knights Commander of the British Empire.

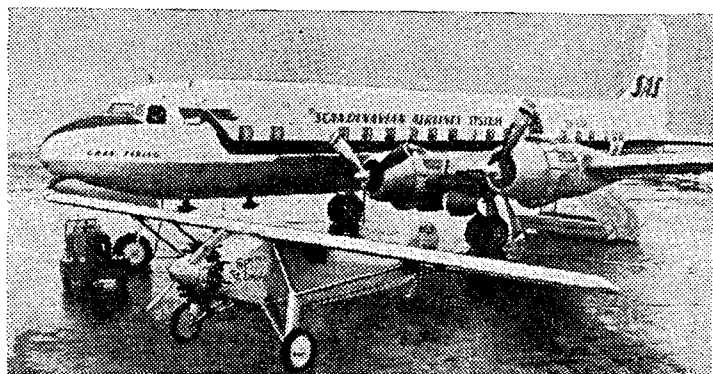
THE FLYING FOOL

Eight years were to pass before the next successful crossing was made, by Charles Lindbergh, the "Flying Fool," who flew from New York to Paris in his little monoplane Spirit of St. Louis—33½ hours in the air all alone!

In the following year, 1928, came the first East to West crossing, an even more difficult task because of almost continuous head winds. This historic feat was achieved by two Germans, Captain Koehl and Baron von Huenefeld, but it almost ended in disaster. In thick fog, they flew right over Newfoundland and came down on the ice off the coast of Labrador.

There are, of course, many other gallant figures in the story of the conquest of the Ocean Skies; men and women, too—Amelia Earhart and Amy Mollison among them—who dared all in the days when every long-distance flight was a dangerous adventure. They are all here in *Wings Over the Atlantic*.

FLYING THEN AND NOW



Twenty-nine years of Transatlantic flying are represented in this picture of a modern Transatlantic air-liner and a replica of the little plane in which Charles Lindbergh flew the Atlantic from

New York to Paris in 1927. The copy of Lindbergh's plane is being used by Warner Brothers for a film entitled *The Spirit of St. Louis* (starring James Stewart as Lindbergh), which is soon to be released.



Dolls for the Forces' children

Here are just a few of the dolls from among some 200,000 toys on view at the Toy Fair at NAAFI headquarters in London. They will go to the organisation's shops and canteens at home and overseas.

STAMP NEWS

A SHEET of Britain's current 4d. Postage Due stamps have been valued at £8500. It is not perforated.

A NEW French stamp has a portrait of Pierre de Coubertin, founder of the Modern Olympic Games.

SWEDEN'S latest set of stamps marks the centenary of her railways.

A COMPLETE new range of stamps bearing the Queen's portrait has been ordered for Pitcairn Island.

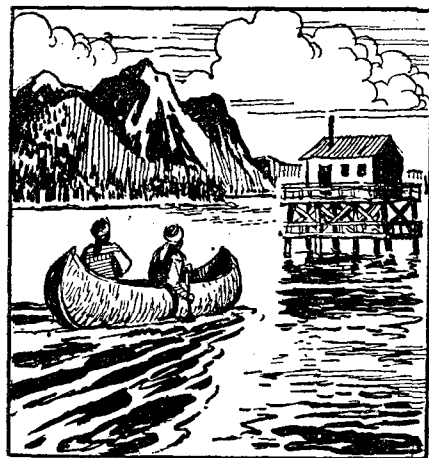
THE Leeward Islands of St. Kitts, Nevis, and Anguilla will pay tribute next month to Alexander Hamilton, the American statesman. Born on Nevis in January 1757 he played a great part in the early history of the United States.

DEERSLAYER—new picture-version of Fenimore Cooper's famous frontier yarn (1)

Deerslayer was a young white hunter who lived with the Delaware Indians in the American wilds of the 1740's. He was on his way to Lake Glimmerglass to meet a

friend, when he fell in with another frontiersman, Harry Hurry. This man was going to the lake to propose to one of the daughters of Tom Hutter, a white trapper who

lived on the lake. The pair were a contrast, Harry was a handsome, brawny, blustering fellow. Deerslayer was quiet and plain in appearance.



At the lake Harry found the canoe he had hidden there and they made for Muskrat Castle, the strange home Hutter had built on piles in a part of the lake for defence against hostile Indians. On reaching the dwelling, they found it deserted, but Harry, who knew the family, guessed that they were away inspecting their traps from their boat, which they called the Ark.



The two men paddled down the lake and entered a creek where, Harry said, the Hutters might have hidden their boat from prying Indians. He was right. A canopy of leaves parted close to them and a beautiful young woman appeared, Judith Hutter. She did not seem very pleased to see handsome Harry, but smiled at the plainer-looking youth in front of him. Harry introduced him and she invited them on board.



In the Hutters' boat they met Judith's sister, Hetty, who was also pretty but reputed to be simple-minded. Soon old Tom returned from his traps and was glad to see his visitors, for he had been warned that Indians were on the war-path. The three men started hauling the Ark out of the narrow creek by pulling on a rope attached to the anchor out in the lake. Judith steered.



They moved cautiously and spoke in low voices, in case enemies were lurking in the woods on either side of the creek. Stretching out from the bank ahead of them were branches of trees, and on these Deerslayer's sharp eyes spotted Indians crouching. He saw at once that they were in their war-paint, and belonged to a hostile tribe. Obviously they intended leaping down on the little group in the Ark as it passed underneath them.

Indian warfare, stealthy and cruel, threatens peaceful Lake Glimmerglass. See next week's instalment

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DRAMA ON THE RIVER

CHASE THE CONWAYS

by Geoffrey Morgan

Helping Roger Lawton to escape from the men in the conspiracy to kidnap Prince Birana of Ethiopia, Jerry and Jane Conway are taking him to Eastfleet to hide aboard their uncle's yacht. On the train they become suspicious of two men who follow them to the dining-car.

8. Hide-and-seek on the train

JANE glanced back along the corridor. The certainty that the two strangers were shadowing them brought back all the fear and suspense she had silently suffered on the wharf and in the taxi. She turned abruptly and stared into the taut faces of Jerry and Roger as they sensed the new threat to their plans of escape.

"Go on, Jerry," she blurted out suddenly. "Let's get to the dining-car. We shall be among people."

"That's right," he muttered tightly. "If they are on our tail, they won't start anything in a crowd."

Roger nodded eagerly.

"We've got to give them the slip," he whispered. "We might do it better from the dining-car."

"Come on, then," said Jerry, and went through the coupling into

the next carriage, Jane hard behind him, Roger bringing up the rear; and they swayed their way along the corridors as the train rattled over the lines out of London's suburbia into the dark Essex countryside.

The dining-car seemed very full, but a steward soon appeared and showed them to three vacant seats at a foursome table. Jane sat next to an elderly lady who appeared, from her manner with one of the stewards, to be somewhat deaf. As the two boys sat down opposite, Jane could not help thinking that, although from the old lady's point of view her handicap was unfortunate, it would be an advantage



Jerry kept his eyes on the two suspicious strangers

to them, for they could talk quite freely without fear of being overheard.

Jerry thought it advisable for Roger to take the window seat, and a few moments after he had settled himself the man and woman from their compartment passed by. Without making his attitude obvious, he watched out for the two men who, he was now convinced, were following them, and almost at once glimpsed them sitting at a table on the same side of the aisle.

They were a few yards down the carriage, and neither Jane nor Roger could see them, but by moving slightly to one side Jerry brought the strangers within sight easily enough.

No appetite

The dinner courses came and went, and tasty though they were, neither the Conways nor Roger could relax and enjoy them. Indeed, they had no appetite at all, but were forced into a pretence of enthusiasm for the sake of appearance.

Throughout the meal Jerry flashed unobtrusive glances down the dining-car and reported to his companions any interesting observation he was able to make on the two men. Although he noticed that they seldom looked in his direction, when they had finished coffee and paid their bill they remained at the table smoking and talking.

"They're waiting for us to move

first," he declared quietly, stirring his second cup of coffee.

"What are we going to do?" murmured Jane helplessly.

"We've got to think of some way of losing them," said Roger. "I'm sure they won't challenge us or anything. They'll just follow us to the end of our journey and then report back to Hassan or Hogart, I reckon."

"You say this man Hassan is one of the leaders, Roger?" Jane queried. "And he was on the platform at Liverpool Street. If he thought we got on the train, why didn't he come, too?"

Roger's theory

"I'm not sure I've got the right answer to that," Roger conceded. "But this is the way I see it." He paused to take a deep breath, and continued: "Hassan, LeGebe, and Captain Hogart organised the search for me on the wharf and through the dockside buildings with the help of the police, and they must have concluded that I got right away or was hiding somewhere nearby, perhaps on one of the ships. If I were hiding on one of the ships they would eventually find me—unless I could get help from someone."

He paused, glancing from Jane to Jerry.

"Now, when LeGebe came snooping aboard the Mirelda he saw you two. He knew you were around my age, and you'd therefore be more likely to be influenced by my story and my plight than, say, the captain of a coaster. When he saw you a bit later going off in a taxi with a sea chest, isn't it reasonable he'd be just a bit suspicious?"

"Sure," agreed Jane. "And that's why this Hassan guy followed us to the station."

"But he wasn't suspicious enough to follow us any farther himself," put in Jerry.

In a fix

"No," assented Roger. "But he's got two of his men to do it. I've never seen them before—they weren't on the Mojolak, so they must have come in the car from the Legation. They must have seen you put the chest in the guard's van, and noticed that you and Jane had split up."

"But Hassan couldn't be sure that I was in the chest, and so he wasn't going to risk wasting his valuable time on a wild-goose chase by following you on the train. So he detailed someone else to shadow you. They walked along the train and found you two sitting next to me. Hassan probably gave them my description, but even without that they'd be pretty certain to guess I'd come out of the chest. So now I've really got you into a fix," he ended mournfully.

"It's not time for worrying about

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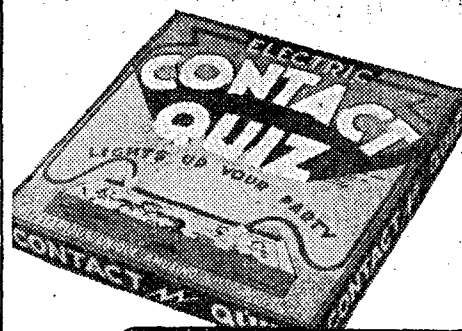
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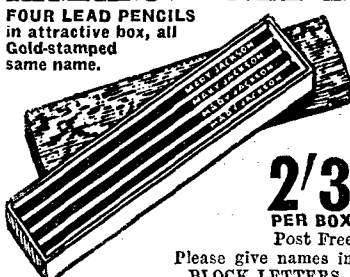
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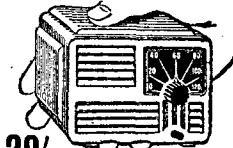
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FROM the profit of £160,587 on last summer's cricket Test series, the M.C.C. and the four counties who staged a Test Match each receive £12,056, while the other counties will take £6275 as their share. This is good news for the counties, many of whom are in financial difficulties following last summer's poor attendances. In future Tests, match fees for players, umpires, and scorers will be increased by one-third, which means that the players will receive a match fee of £100.

KEITH MILLER, having given up cricket to become a television sports commentator, Ian Craig has been appointed captain of New South Wales. At the age of 21, he becomes the youngest captain of the State side ever appointed.

The way to get a swimming pool

FOR many years the boys of Rydal Preparatory School, Colwyn Bay, have wanted a swimming pool of their own. Now they have decided to build one themselves. The headmaster, Mr. K. C. Lewis, revealed this at the annual prize-giving ceremony. The pool will cost £500.

THE M.C.C. party in South Africa move on this week from Johannesburg to Pretoria, where, on Friday, they start a match against a selected South African XI. This will be in the nature of a rehearsal for the first Test, which opens on Boxing Day.

LAST week we mentioned the Orange Free State cricket team calling upon a baseball pitcher to prepare themselves for the fast bowling of Tyson and Statham. The M.C.C.'s next opponents, Rhodesia, also felt the need to get ready to face these two—they practised against a catapult bowling machine. The machine was of no avail, however, the State losing by an innings in both matches against the tourists.

Indoor bowls

BOWLS is usually thought of as a summer game, but with the opening of several new bowling halls it is rapidly becoming more and more a winter game. There are 66 clubs affiliated to the Indoor Section of the English Bowls Association, and many youngsters are now taking to the game on winter evenings. Indoor bowls is played on three layers of felt, the top one being painted green.

BECAUSE they refused to take part in a match in the interior of the country, first-team members of the South American soccer club, Huracan, were suspended. Reserves took over and played in all league matches.

NEXT Tuesday Wolverhampton Wanderers F.C. will meet the former Red Banner team (now renamed M.T.K. Hungaria) from Hungary, in a floodlight match. The gate money, less expenses, will be given to the Hungarian Relief Fund.

Young Pensioner



This very promising young footballer, from Wilton, near Salisbury, is Winston Anthony Churchill. He has already won cups for soccer, cricket, and athletics and now he has signed amateur forms for Chelsea, so often nicknamed The Pensioners.

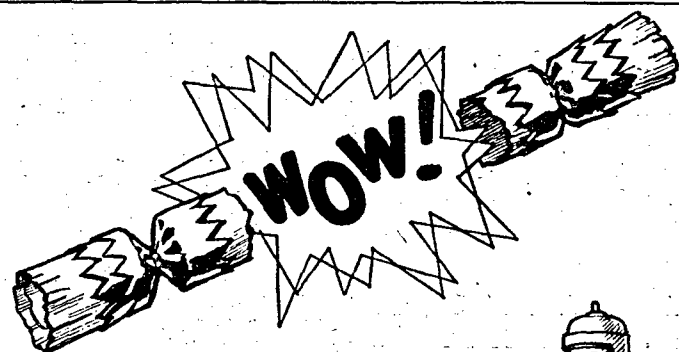
FOR the first time in the history of the annual soccer fixture between Oxford and Cambridge, part of the game will be played under floodlights when the Varsityes meet next Saturday at Wembley. The lights will be switched on during the latter stages of the game.

WORKMEN at Lord's are busy these days preparing for the new stand which is to be built there. The coach mound beside the pavilion has already been levelled, and by next summer the lower deck will be completed. Work will then cease until the end of the season, when workmen will finish the two-deck stand.

Britain's No 1

MICHAEL DAVIES, 20-year-old Welshman from Swansea who was recently ranked Britain's No. 1 by the Lawn Tennis Association, might have made a name as a singer. (He recently had an audition with an American film company.) But this young man who hitch-hiked from tournament to tournament as a youth, and even sold his wrist-watch to pay for food, is determined to be ranked not only Britain's No. 1, but the world's No. 1.

LEN ROWE, 18-year-old three-quarter, was chosen recently to play for East Midlands in the Rugby Union County Championship after only six senior games for Northampton. Last July he left Northampton Grammar School, where he played soccer for Northampton and the County schools' teams, and rugby for Northants and the Midlands schools. He goes to Oxford next year, and a great rugby future is predicted for him.



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NEWS FROM THE ZOO

CUTTING THE LION'S CLAWS

THE none-too-easy task of cutting a lion's claws has just been performed in the London Zoo lion house. The subject was 14-year-old Bewilderer, one of the menagerie's oldest lions, and the operator was Mr. Oliver Jones, the society's veterinary surgeon.

Claw-trimming has to be repeated on one lion or another at fairly frequent intervals, and, for the safety of the operator, it is invariably done while the animal is under an anaesthetic.

"Bewilderer gave me very little trouble on this occasion," Mr. Jones told me. "We got him to enter the special chamber with windows of strong glass through which he could be observed. A vapour of chloroform and ether in more or less the proportions that are used for human subjects was then pumped into the chamber.

SUCCESSFUL OPERATION

"I had Bewilderer 'under' in about ten minutes, and then keepers pulled each paw in turn through a sliding door, so that I could shorten the nails with surgical forceps. The whole operation took about 30 minutes, and, although Bewilderer is so elderly, he stood the operation remarkably well."

A bush-born lion, Bewilderer came to London Zoo in 1946 as a gift from a planter in Kenya. Father of a large number of cubs, he is among the tamer lions in the

house, and many a visitor, in former days, has stroked him.

The Zoo authorities have at last been able to realise one of their most cherished wishes—to have on exhibition a complete family of tigers. The parent animals, Nepti and Rimba, can now be seen in an outdoor cage at the lion house, with their four-month-old twins, Ernie and Esther.

The family is certainly giving visitors much amusement. The



Ernie and Esther, the tiger cubs, find this old bucket quite comfortable

two cubs are full of life and fun, and, save for brief spells of rest, never cease playing games. Hide-and-seek appears to be their favourite, but both also enjoy "ragging" their mother Nepti, who is astonishingly tolerant, even when her tail is tugged by the twins.

It has been noticed that both cubs refrain from taking liberties with their father—perhaps not without reason. Rimba has a temper—and a "strong right arm," as the twins appear to have discovered for themselves!

A two-foot-tall demoiselle, one of the six handsome North African cranes kept in a paddock at the ostrich house, has given its keepers an anxious day, by disappearing.

CARRYING A CRANE

"The bird took off in a high wind," Keeper Sawyer told me. "We thought it had flown out into the neighbouring park, so we set out in search of it. But the park-keepers had not seen it, so we returned to the Gardens and searched there.

"Towards the end of the day, however, a visitor leaving by the main gate reported the missing crane standing among the rocks in the reptiliary. We promptly went after it, but directly it saw us coming it took off again. It came down outside the antelope house, alighting almost in the arms of one of the keepers going off duty. He was able to hold the bird until we took it over and returned it to its paddock, where we took off a few of its flight-feathers.

"Demoiselle cranes are very light," added Mr. Sawyer, "and once airborne they can be very good flyers." CRAVEN HILL

CHASE THE CONWAYS

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that," Jerry rebuked him. "We've got to set about doing two things without further delay. First, we want to prove that the two men are working for Hassan—that they are definitely trailing us; and, secondly, we've got to give them the slip before the train gets to Ipswich." He paused. "I think I've got a plan that'll kill the two birds with one stone."

Roger turned and moved closer. "You have? What is it?" he demanded.

"It's quite simple," Jerry declared quietly. "We get off at Colchester." He smiled at their expressions. "I should say, we pretend to get off there. What we do is to move with the crowd towards the barrier, split up, skip smartly down the platform, and get in again at the front of the train. That'll prove their intentions."

All agreed

"That's a honey of an idea—if we can get back without their spotting us," breathed Jane.

"Surely we can manage that," challenged Roger, his spirits rising.

"It's well worth trying, anyway," declared Jerry. He looked at his companions questioningly. "So we're all agreed, then? We get off the train together, make for the barrier and split up in the crowd, then move up to the front of the train."

"Sure," Jane nodded. "But where are we going to meet up again?"

"Well, anywhere in the front portion," Jerry shrugged. "Let's say, the front end of the second carriage."

This scheme was approved, and Jerry made a start on the operation by paying the bill. As the train slowed into the station approach they got up, making their intentions as obvious as possible, and after a few moments of talking loudly about a bus journey from the station, they moved down the aisle to the door. As they reached it each noticed that the two men were preparing to follow them.

Jane's error

Jerry's plan proceeded smoothly, and, so far as he could judge as he broke from the crowd and slipped down the platform, successfully. By the time the train was steaming out of the station he and Jane and Roger had joined up again in the corridor of the second carriage. The only minor error had been committed by Jane, who suddenly realised that in her excitement she had left her bag on the seat.

With Jerry reprimanding her for her carelessness, they trooped back to the dining-car hoping the bag would still be there to collect. At the door Jerry paused and peered cautiously through the glass panel into the car. It was as well that he did so, for he instantly recognised the figure who, at that moment, entered from the other end.

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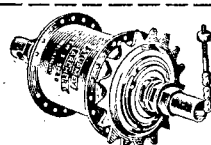
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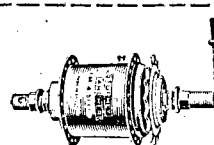
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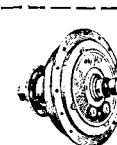
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"LAST night I woke up and thought my watch had gone."

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"No, but it was going."

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NEST OF THE WOOD-ANT, a bulky hillock of twigs, often in a pine wood. During the winter these hillocks show no sign of life, but in warm weather they teem with ants. An average nest is about two feet high, and may be six feet across. It consists of twigs, earth, and debris.

Divided into three classes—workers, males, and queens—the wood-ant is the largest ant in Britain.

Baby's bottle



Little Maureen Kershaw of Wakefield, Yorks., has successfully brought up a baby hare, or leveret, on the bottle—a doll's feeding bottle. Her cat acted as foster mother in the early stages.

TRAVELOGUE

"DID you have any trouble with your German in Berlin?"

"No, but I expect the Berliners had."

MIXED JOBS

Here are the names of six jobs. But their last syllables have been mixed up. Can you sort them out?

PILOR
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WHAT AM I?

I CAN be long or short, thick or thin. I can be any colour or shade, am usually occupied in the morning and discarded at night.

CAN YOU NAME THESE CANALS?

THESE pictures represent the names of six canals. Can you say which they are?



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THE KEEPER'S COMPLAINT

OUR hippo's very poorly, Sir. He will eat new-mown hay. It gives him the pneumonia And me a busy day. There's kangarheumatism, too. In one of our big cages. I've not had such a busy time With illness, Sir, for ages. What with weasels down with measles And hens with chicken pox. And all this cockatoothache— Why, the old Zoo's on the rocks.

BEDTIME TALE

BILLY IS STOPPED IN TIME

"I'VE got to slip down to the shops for a moment," said Mummy one afternoon. "Are you coming with me, Billy?"

"No thank you, Mummy," said Billy. "I want to hear this serial on the radio about some people who search for treasure in attics. I think it is going to be jolly exciting."

As Mummy went out of the door Billy turned back to the radio. He was right. It was jolly exciting.

When it was over, he suddenly said to himself:

"I wonder if there is any treasure in our attic? I think I'll have a look."

He had never been in their attic, but he had often seen Daddy get the steps from the back room upstairs and climb up.

DOUBLING UP

A LILY-PAD one foot in diameter is in the middle of a circular pond, 64 feet in diameter. If it is one foot across on Monday and doubles in size every day, when will it cover the pond?

MUDDLED PROVERBS

Too many cooks... make light work. Empty pitchers... wait for no man. All that glitters... has a silver lining. Time and tide... make most sound. Many hands... spoil the broth. Every cloud... is not gold.

JACKO TURNS UP IN FINE STYLE



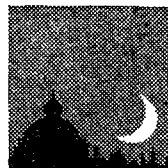
Jacko and Baby had been invited to a fancy dress party. "Now for one of your wizard ideas," said Baby. "Wizard?" replied Jacko. "That's it—we'll go as a sort of magician and his assistant!" So they got their costumes ready, went to the local zoo to borrow Jumbo, and arrived at the party as "Ali-koko, the Great Eastern Wizard." Their hostess was most surprised when they rang the bell—not hers, but one of their own!

NATURALLY

"Is your car always so noisy?" "No, only when it's going."

OTHER WORLDS

IN the evening Mars is in the south. In the morning Venus is in the south-east, and Jupiter is in the south-west. The picture shows the Moon as it will appear at half-past seven on Thursday evening, December 6.



NO PLAY

THEY were discussing a playwright's latest work. "Not very good," said one. "Not even original."

"No, but think how bad it might have been if it had been original."

MY SHADOW

THERE is a little shadow-boy Who follows me around, Sometimes I find he's on the wall, And sometimes on the ground, Whenever I'm out walking and The sun is shining bright, He jumps and dances at my feet— Just like the firelight I see him hopping round the room As jolly as can be. What fun it is to watch him as He frolics merrily! For though at times he's very big, At other times he's small, And sometimes when I look for him He isn't there at all!

QUIZ CORNER ANSWERS

1. The River Thames just below London Bridge.
2. Rest taken at mid-day. It is from a Spanish word meaning sixth (hour).
3. The Bank of England.
4. Orthography.
5. On the alert, wide-awake. "Qui vive" was a sentinel's challenge meaning, "Whose side are you on?"
6. National income raised within the country by income tax, surtax, death and stamp duties, as opposed to money raised upon goods coming into the country from abroad.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES

Mixed jobs. Pilot, librarian, doctor, florist, porter, accountant. What am I? A stocking. Name the canals. Suz, Panama, Gota, Welland, Kiel, Corinth. Doubling up. Sunday. Muddled proverbs. Too many cooks spoil the broth; Empty pitchers make most sound; All that glitters is not gold; Time and tide wait for no man; Many hands make light work; Every cloud has a silver lining.

LAST WEEK'S ANSWER

Can you name me? Angelica. Queer fish. Skate, conger eel, whiting, salmon, halibut, sardine. Unfinished tongue-twister. Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers. ALAS THIS PEDAL ANT EGO ISSUE X REST RM MEASURE SO SODA I TOTEM TAN USA EMITS NEXT POET

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